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The International Secretariat of OMCT requests your **URGENT** intervention in the following situation in **Indonesia** / East Timor.

Brief description of the situation:

The East Timor Human Rights Centre (ETHRC), a member of the network, has expressed its grave concern over the deteriorating situation in East Timor which has resulted in further killings, injuries and disappearances, this time in the south of East Timor in the remote Zumalai sub-district.

According to the information received, at 10.00pm on 25 January 1999, members of the Indonesian military and armed civilian militia groups launched an assault on the village of Galitas, shooting at the local population. It is believed that **Olandino Pereira**, (52) **Angelina de Jesus** (27) and 15 year old **Luis Pereira** were shot dead during the assault. Sources have reported that Angelina de Jesus was pregnant at the time she was killed.

Another two people, **Adelino Barreto** (40) and **Hermenegildo Freitas** (40), both farmers, sustained serious injuries during the assault and are now receiving medical treatment at the Audian Catholic hospital in Santo Paulus.

Many others have had to flee their homes, holding grave fears for their personal safety. At least two hundred people have fled from the village of Galitas and have sought refuge in churches in Suai.

On 24 January, also in the Zumalai sub-district, **Fernando Cardoso** is believed to have been killed by members of RATI (a para-military group believed to have been trained and armed by the Indonesian military) and Indonesian military personnel from the marine post at Cassa in Ainaro. Sources have alleged that Fernando's body was severely mutilated and his limbs removed and that he was buried beside the road with his head still exposed.

OMCT is gravely concerned over the increasing violence by local civilian militia groups, which are intimidating and terrorising the East Timorese population. In recent months, similar incidents as above subscribed have been occurring in many parts of East Timor. Many civilians are believed to have fled from their homes in Maubara, Alas, Turiscai, Cailaco and Cassa and have fled to Dili, where it is estimated more than 1,000 people have taken refuge.

Actions requested:

Please write to the Indonesian authorities urging them to:

i take immediate measures to guarantee the physical and psychological integrity of **Adelino Barreto** and **Hermenegildo Freitas** and ensure the access to adequate medical assistance;

ii. ensure a thorough and impartial investigation into the assault on the village of Galitas and the killings of **Olandino Pereira**, **Angelina de Jesus, Luis Pereira,** and **Fernando Cardoso,** identify the persons responsible, bring them to trial and apply the penal, civil and administrative sanctions as provided by law;

iii. provide adequate reparation to all the victims of the assault, including compensation for the family of **Olandino Pereira**, **Angelina de Jesus, Luis Pereira,** and **Fernando Cardoso;**

iv take immediate steps to end the escalation of violence in East Timor and ensure in all circumstances respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms in accordance with national laws and international standards.

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